

REMARKS

The amendments set out above and the following remarks are believed responsive to the points raised by the Office Action dated June 30, 2003. In view of the amendments set out above and the following remarks, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The Pending Claims

Claims 12-30 are pending. Claim 27 has been amended to describe the invention more clearly. No new matter has been added, the basis for the amended claim language may be found within the original specification, claims and drawings.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants are pleased to note the Office Action indicates claims 12-26 are free of the art, and applicants note claims 28-30 are objected to for depending from rejected claim 27.

However, it would appear the indication that claims 29 and 30 are objected to for depending from claim 27 is in error, as claim 29 depends from claim 19, and claim 30 depends from claim 29. The undersigned called the Examiner for clarification, and the Examiner indicated on August 26, 2003 that while he had ordered the file wrapper in order to check the status of the claims, he had not received the file yet.

The Office Action

Claim 27 was rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph. According to the Office Action, the specification, while being enabling for treating the claimed MMP-mediated diseases other than HIV infection, does not reasonably provide enablement for treatment of HIV infection.

In order to expedite matters, claim 27 has been amended to delete the reference to HIV infection, thus obviating the rejection.

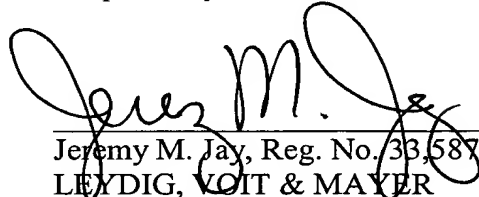
Conclusion

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the

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Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application,
the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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